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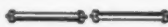
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A History of the Agricultural Alumni Association

A. W. Gibson '17

THE Alumni Association of the New York State College of Agriculture is twenty-four years old this month. It was established at a meeting of students and former students of the college on February 26, 1909. Its history, as shown by correspondence in the files of the Association and from the minutes of the meetings which have been held, is interesting because of the great variety of activities undertaken and the people who have been associated with them. Only a sketch of what has been done can be noted here, with the mention of a few of those who seem to have been most vigorous in trying to develop a strong and active alumni organization.

The original association was known as the Students' Association of the New York State College of Agriculture. Its recorded objects were:

- (1) To promote fellowship among all students past and present.
- (2) To advance the interests of the College of Agriculture in all ways.
- (3) To further the interests of country life.

There were two sections known as the resident division and the non-resident division. The resident division was composed of students registered in any of the courses and members of the staff. The non-resident division was made up of former students of the college, and was in effect the alumni organization.

The first president of the Students' Association was Jared VanWagenen, Jr., '91, who has maintained an active interest in the work of the association during the twenty-four years of its existence. The first secretary, Albert R. Mann '04, continued in that office for five years. During that period a great amount of study was devoted to trying to find the proper fields of activity for the association. Dean Bailey, without any doubt, provided much of the inspiration for the development of the student and alumni organization and pointed out the broad avenues of

usefulness for its operation. Anyone who reads the record, however, is bound to be impressed by the vigor with which Secretary Mann advanced the work of the association and the scope of the activities that were brought up for consideration under his direction.

WHILE it is only twenty-four years since the establishment of the "Students' Association," the changes that have taken place in the agriculture, and particularly in the agricultural organization and organizations in the state, is almost unbelievable. Indicative of the problems and condition of the agriculture at that time are the matters that were considered important for the "Students' Association" to undertake. It was thought then that the association might aid in the conduct of field demonstrations and cooperative experiments; strive for better sanitary conditions in the country; undertake to remodel the country fairs along educational lines; transfer the local newspapers from political control into farm service; organize good roads associations; extend traveling libraries in rural districts; organize local lecture programs; secure special rates on agricultural books for members; act as an employment agency for former students; distribute agricultural information to members; and many other matters that needed more attention than could be gotten then through any other existing agencies. We have learned since 1909 that these matters concern all of the people and that more representative organizations were needed to handle them.

Only a few of these suggestions were ever undertaken, but their importance received publicity among the former students. In the meantime they have received consideration from more appropriate and effective organized effort than would have been pos-

sible from our association. There is no way to measure, however, the importance and effect of the work of former students on many of these matters through other channels, nor the stimulation they may have gotten for their work from the publicity given by our association to their importance.

The establishment of county units of alumni has received much attention from time to time and some units were organized. It was hoped that these local units would be able to carry out in the communities the programs that had been suggested. The permanent organization of alumni for such purposes was not entirely successful, but the attempts no doubt helped to bring about the establishment of other agencies that did prove to be effective. From the beginning it was thought that the alumni, through the "Students' Association" should be an effective organization for acquainting farm youths with agricultural education and its possibilities. Regardless of any continuing alumni organization for the purpose, the alumni have always been an important source of information for young men and women concerning the college and its educational facilities, and they have rendered valuable service both to the young people and the college in this respect.

IN 1911 it will be remembered by many who participated, that the "Students' Association" took a very active part in securing the establishment of the Agricultural Council. This was according to Dean Bailey's plan which sought to place the immediate administration of the college under a board that would be in close touch with agricultural affairs and reporting to the trustees.

The alumni took an active interest in the legislation and organization connected with the building of the exten-

sion service in the state. This was true with respect to all phases of agricultural education and policy during the period of its development.

The winter of 1912-13 was probably the time of greatest activity in the "Students' Association." The alumni believed that it was in the best interests of the state that forestry education, which they considered a part of agricultural education, should be developed at the College of Agriculture and not in a separate College of Forestry which was being proposed in the state legislature. Alumni in large numbers from all parts of the state, campaigned vigorously in opposition to the establishment of this separate college, both as a matter of educational policy and of economy. Their attempt, however, was not successful and the College of Forestry was established at Syracuse. As a result of the campaign the "Students' Association" found itself \$950 in debt.

During the next five years much effort was expended in paying this debt which was completed in 1918. For this purpose many alumni made special contributions beyond the payment of their membership dues and while a great deal of work was done in raising the money, there was never any doubt about its ultimate achievement. The whole episode was an excellent illustration of the willingness of the alumni to see through a program in which they believed.

There were changes in the administration of the college during that period in which the alumni took an active part. For two years of that time Charles H. Royce '91 was president of the "Students' Association." His vigorous action on questions of vital importance to the college, even where his stand might be opposed to the plans of a personal friend, is an outstanding example of loyal service.

IT IS certainly of interest, at least, to mention here that Mr. Royce in 1914 proposed that the alumni elect a graduate of the College of Agriculture to the board of trustees of the University. While this was much more concrete than many proposals that have been made to the association it was not attempted, nor has it been since that time. It was also during this period, February 14, 1917, that the name of the non-resident division of the "Students' Association" was changed to "Alumni Association of the New York State College of Agriculture," and the Alumni organization has been separate from the student organization since that time. In fact, it is noted that the name "Student Association" had long since failed to clear-

ly indicate the nature of the association or its membership.

In the succeeding years there were further attempts made to start county and other local organizations, to interest farm boys in the work of the college and to tie the Alumni Association more closely with the Cornell Countryman through a combination arrangement of dues and subscription which was abandoned after one year. While the program for the establishment of local alumni units in the counties has not resulted in a great many such organizations the alumni of Chautauqua County have held meetings regularly through a period of twenty years. Any general establishment of clubs by our organization would probably have required a permanent and full time staff for the purpose. Cornell Clubs are located in many of the larger centers throughout the state and in those areas there would not seem to be any necessity for similar efforts by our association.

In 1926-27 alumni purchased thirty-three framed pictures of the main buildings of the college which were presented to their local high schools. These were obtained through the Alumni Association at a special price.

An alumni committee was appointed early in 1929 by the president of the association to meet at the college with a faculty committee to discuss the possible establishment of a two-year course. The expenses of this committee were paid by the association. A program of two-year courses was subsequently authorized by the faculty and offered at the beginning of the 1929-30 college year.

AT recent meetings of the association the need for scholarships for students in agriculture has been considered. While such a need has been realized there has been no organized attempt made by the association to obtain funds for the purpose, and such an attempt probably would not be advisable now. The Alumni Association has given and still offers an annual prize of twenty-five dollars, during the past twelve years, to the student in the college who has attained the highest scholastic average at the end of his junior year.

In 1910 the secretary of the association, now the Provost of the University, reported his opinion regarding the purposes of the association. He realized that only a limited number of things at that time might be undertaken successfully. He believed that it would be possible to strengthen the sympathy and cooperation between all students, past and present, by a regular reunion at the college during

Farmers' Week and that an organization could be maintained and "on tap" ready for service when the occasion should arise. We have had such a reunion each year and the desirability of such an affair is manifested by its successful continuance. It was at Dean Bailey's suggestion in the very beginning of the "Students' Association" that Wednesday of Farmers' Week should be the Reunion Day and that has been maintained without exception. The alumni banquet has grown during the past fifteen years from a meeting of less than a hundred former students and faculty to about three hundred, meeting in the beautiful Willard Straight Memorial Hall. The association spends a small amount of money each year on the banquet, sometimes to secure a prominent speaker and on whatever decorations are used. Since the establishment of Home Economics as a separate college, we have continued to enjoy the cooperation of the Home Economics graduates in connection with this annual banquet.

That the association has remained "on tap" and ready to be of assistance at any time has been repeatedly demonstrated. With more than twenty thousand former students there can be no doubt that their influence for constructive planning in agricultural affairs is and will continue to be very significant. At times they will need, as in the past, to use that influence as an organized group. That purpose in itself necessitates the existence of the association and its support by alumni. It has been possible to build up a small cash balance during recent years, in addition to meeting the expenses of the association, so that at any time when there is work to be done, it will not be handicapped in beginning immediate action.

Many interesting stories of personal experiences connected with the activities of the Alumni Association might be written by those who have given freely of their time for that purpose. It would be impossible to try to mention their names without doing an injustice to so many who would be left out because of the numbers involved. They have made the history of the Alumni Association what it is, and any one who reviews it will be impressed by their loyalty to the college and to agriculture which it serves.

If a suggestion for the future may be included in this history, it would be to take up at an appropriate time the proposal of Mr. Royce, made in 1914, that a graduate of the College be elected to the board of trustees of the University.

The Year at the Colleges of Agriculture and Home Economics

Dean Carl E. Ladd '12

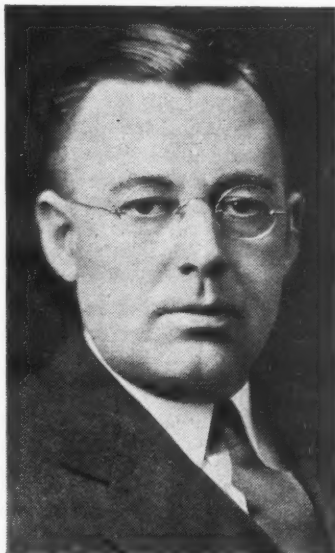
THIS article is in the nature of an annual accounting to the alumni of the State Colleges of Agriculture and Home Economics of the new developments at the Colleges and the present status of various lines of work in which the alumni are particularly interested. Director Flora Rose will supplement this with a further statement concerning the New York State College of Home Economics.

I know that you are always particularly interested in the student body. During the past four years there has been a consistent increase in the total student body from 1677 in 1928-29 to 2333 in 1931-32. This is the total of all students registered in the regular course, short course, two-year course, summer school and graduate work. During the same period the number of four-year students in the regular college course leading to the Bachelor's degree has increased from 662 to 840. The winter course has suffered a slight falling off but has a registration of 99 this year. There has been a considerable increase in the number of graduate students in agriculture from 259 in 1928-29 up to 487 in 1931-32. This comes largely as a result of the constantly growing reputation of the college for strong scientific work. The summer school has increased in attendance from 676 to 880 in 1931 but suffered some falling off in 1932.

Many of the alumni have been particularly interested in the special two-year course in agriculture, established largely as a result of alumni action. You will be glad to know that there has been a consistent growth in number of students taking this course. It was not large in the beginning and it is has not yet reached large numbers. In 1929-30, the first year it was offered, 14 students enrolled. The numbers increased to 43 the following year and to 63 in 1931-32. About two-thirds of these students come from farms. This year, in the first term, there has been a slight reduction with 54 registered in the course. I am sure you have in mind the fact that the same number of entrance units are required as for the four-year course, but we make no specification as to what these units shall be. These two-year special students make up a very fine student body as thoroughly prepared for their work as are the four-year students.

We have always been particularly anxious to have a considerable per-

centage of farm-reared boys in the College of Agriculture. The Farm Practice office has very good figures on this accumulated over a long period of years. For several years approximately 40 per cent of the entering class have been farm-reared. Another 20 to 25 per cent have had some farm experience before entering college.



CARL E. LADD '12

This leaves 35 to 40 per cent of the entering class with no farm experience. Of course, all of these men are given an examination in farm practice, given certain farm practice help at the College and are placed on approved farms under the supervision of the Farm Practice Department during their summer vacations. When we realize that a considerable percentage of the students in the College of Agriculture expect to specialize in certain lines of scientific work where farm practice is not required, such as bacteriology, forestry, and others, this percentage of students with good farm background seems quite satisfactory. In fact, we have at the present time a higher proportion of farm-reared students in the College than at any other time in the twenty-five years such records have been kept.

Buildings

I am sure that Director Rose will want to tell you somewhat in detail about our new building, Martha Van Rensselaer Hall. We are all very proud of it and of its name.

On the Agricultural College campus, the newest building is the one which

is devoted to Agricultural Economics and Farm Management and Rural Social Organization. This is a magnificent structure. Very soon, the old Farm Management Building, formerly the old livestock judging pavilion, will be removed. A portion of the grading at the east end of the Agricultural College quadrangle has already been done. If funds are available, this will be completed and some landscaping done during the next spring. We are very proud of the new physical facilities in the way of buildings that have come to us during the past five years. Some things are still needed along this line to complete the campus. Under present business conditions, these will not be urged, however.

Livestock and Barns

The foundation herds and flocks of livestock provided for by special appropriations during the past two or three years have now been completely purchased. A new beef-cattle barn has been built. This is well planned, but modest in size and in cost, representing probably no greater an investment than New York State should make in this project. A development of much the same character has been made for the swine division. A combination of old buildings and new buildings give very satisfactory housing for the sheep. The east wing of the old dairy barn has been completed with new floor and equipment for dairy cattle and is now filled with a dairy herd. On the Warren farm there is maintained an excellent experimental herd of dairy cows and we are carrying on the protein experiments that were previously supported by funds from the G. L. F. Cooperative Association and the Dairymen's League Cooperative Association.

Extension Work

The extension work with farmers and homemakers meets a real challenge in such times as these. Rural people have come to depend upon this work and to have so much confidence in it that they expect more and more help. Yet many farm problems, particularly economic problems, are almost impossible of solution during a period of world depression. Extension programs are always kept flexible. They are reorganized each year to meet new conditions. Points of emphasis are changed.

A new state-wide program has just been initiated to aid farmers to produce more of their own living from

the farm. This is called "Home Made Farm Relief." Due to present economic conditions and the insistent demand for decreased public expenditures, county appropriations for extension work have been materially decreased and in a few counties eliminated altogether. Farmer support for extension and farmer direction of the work have increased consistently and are perhaps greater than ever before in the history of the College.

Research

It is impossible within the limits of a statement such as this to describe all of the new things that are being carried on in research. As a result of special appropriations made by the State during the past four years, a considerable number of new projects have been started. It has been possible to speed up the soil survey. Land classification work as a preparation for a long-time land utilization program is also proceeding rapidly and satis-

factorily. A great deal of data is now available and some publications are nearly ready for distribution. The work on orchard soils and vegetable crops soils, in which many of you have been particularly interested, is progressing well.

One of the most promising new fields is that of pasture improvement. Some excellent work has been started along this line which will mean a great deal to the State of New York if we are able to continue it.

A whole series of studies of the problems of muck soil farming are going very satisfactorily. The problems of spraying potatoes, and potato production in general both on Long Island and up-state are being attacked vigorously and real results are being obtained. For the first time, we begin to see some possibilities of solving the problems in connection with wire worms, and other injuries to the tubers of potatoes.

The new egg-laying contests in Gen-

esee and Chemung Counties are well organized and giving very satisfactory results.

The alumni of the institution will be particularly interested in the fact that the professors of Cornell have been able to give an increasing amount of public service during the past year. More and more our professors of economics are being consulted on problems of State-wide and Nation-wide importance. This requires a considerable amount of time from some of the members of the staff but the service rendered is of great value.

The Colleges belong to the people of the State. To a very considerable extent they are centers of national and inter-national interests. They have never been developed as cloistered institutions. It has always been a source of pride to the faculty and alumni that these institutions are in touch with the life of the people, and their usefulness and their reputation depend very largely upon this.

Alumnae Association of the College of Home Economics

Dorothy DeLany '23

DURING alumni week in 1926, at a supper party of alumnae in the home economics building, the subject of forming a home economics alumnae association was discussed. Claribel Nye '14 and Anna Hunn '12 were chosen to draft a constitution. A year later, on June 10, 1927, a group of alumnae met at the home of Miss Van Rensselaer and Miss Rose, adopted the constitution setting the official name of the new organization as The Alumnae Association of the New York State College of Home Economics. Alice Blinn '17 was elected president; Dorothy De Lany '23, vice-president; Helen Bull '26, secretary-treasurer and three members were elected to the executive committee, Katharine Harris '22, Anna Hunn and Claribel Nye. It was decided that the staff as well as former students should be eligible to membership.

The purposes of the Association as set forth in the constitution are (1) to unite all former students of the New York State College of Home Economics and former students who previous to 1925 majored in the Department or School of Home Economics; (2) to advance the interests of the Colleges of Home Economics and Agriculture; (3) to promote home making and those professions relating to home economics.

In 1928 an amendment to the constitution was adopted to provide for

election of officers by transmitted ballot so that all members of the Association may vote as well as those able to attend the annual meeting held in June. In addition to those already named, ten alumnae have served in office: Mildred Stevens Essick '18; Frances Mathews Graham '21; Mary Wright Harvey '14; Marion Irvine '30; Ruth Rice McMillan '23; Laura Fish Mordoff '14; Lois Osborn '16; Marian Salisbury '24; Frances Scudder '24; Norma La Barre Stevens '15. The officers this year are: Helen Kirkendall Miller '17, president; Katharine Harris '22, vice-president; Dorothy De Lany '23, secretary-treasurer; Ruth Davis '17, scholarship chairman; Ann Phillips Duncan '18, Lois Zimmerman McConnel '20 and Margaret Saxe '30, members of the nominating committee.

Scholarship Program

In February, 1931, the Association voted to make available to the College each year the sum of \$100 to be divided into small cash awards for students who are faced with an unexpected financial problem. The awards are granted only upon recommendation of the scholarship committee of the College after each case has been investigated and other sources of financial aid canvassed. During the first two years, eight students received amounts ranging from twenty to thirty-five dollars. Several students received aid elsewhere after attention had been

called to their needs. Many former students and staff members have expressed satisfaction in the knowledge that a part of the dues-dollar has given some student timely help and encouragement.

In addition to using current funds for cash awards to students, the Alumnae Association is gradually building a permanent fund, the interest to be used as a scholarship. Nearly \$200 has been accumulated from the occasional fifty cents or a dollar which members have added to the dues-check. A few alumnae have sent five dollars for dues, thus placing four dollars in the permanent fund at interest. The naming of this scholarship was placed in the hands of a committee who will report at the annual meeting in June 1933. All members have the privilege of making suggestions to the officers both as to name and the many points which will have to be decided such as qualifications of the recipient and amount to be granted.

Alumnae who can be in Ithaca during Farm and Home Week will have a chance to express their opinions at a luncheon meeting in the Lodge at noon, Wednesday, February 15. That night former students and staff members of the Colleges of Agriculture and Home Economics will hold their annual get-together supper arranged by the alumni associations of the two colleges.

The Year's Development at the College of Home Economics

Professor Flora Rose



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MARTHA VAN RENSSELAER

MARTHA Van Rensselaer, great pioneer in home economics education, and in its truest sense creator of the New York State College of Home Economics, died on May 26, 1932.

In 1900, in a dingy basement room in Morrill Hall with an old kitchen table for a desk and herself as the sole representative of teaching, extension and research, Martha Van Rensselaer began the work which under her direction fruited into a vast living organism—a college built around the needs, activities and interests of people.

The vast new home economics building which is to bear the name, Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, is a fitting memorial for this great woman, for it has crystallized in brick and steel the vision she held of the benefits for all human beings of a kind of education which built itself around realities and which kept itself close to the daily lives of people.

The cornerstone of the building was laid June 8, 1932, in a simple ceremony at which President Livingston Farrand presided and representatives of the University, the College, the home demonstration agents, the home bureaus, the alumnae and the students contributed. In this cornerstone is sealed the written record of the traditions which Miss Van Rensselaer left as an immortal part of the inheritance of this College. It is probable that the College may move into its new quarters in the late spring and summer school classes

may be held there. The dedication of the building is planned for February, 1934, Farm and Home Week, when the women of the state who have always been so close to the College, as well as the alumnae and friends from out of the state can help make it a fitting ceremony.

Martha Van Rensselaer Hall will serve, as does the present home economics building as a center for instruction, for research and for extension work throughout New York state.

Its roof covers the possibilities of generous planning for personal satisfaction of both staff and students in the work they conduct together. Comfortable social rooms, a large, light, airy reading room, conference and study rooms, special work rooms for both students and staff where individual hobbies may be followed without interruption or comment, are parts of the building. In the family life wing is a large nursery school, three beautiful practice apartments of generous proportions and a play room up in tree tops, opening on a high balcony with views of all the surrounding country. It is a building in which work may well become a part of the vital living which was Martha Van Rensselaer's vision of home economics. The architectural type of the new building is Georgian, with an exterior of buff brick to make it harmonize with the other state buildings. The building faces south and is, in all, 349 feet long, with the large wings 167 feet deep; it is four stories high in front and six in the rear. The central portion which connects the wings is seven stories high. Besides housing all departments of the college and being provided with abundant class rooms, it has an auditorium seating 600 persons, an amphitheater seating 200 persons and a cafeteria planned both for the use of students and of the general public.

THERE are two most satisfying facts to report about those of 1932's seventy-one graduates from the New York State College of Home Economics, excepting the graduates from the Hotel Administration department, who replied to a questionnaire asking about their present activities: the majority of them have paying positions, and a good percentage of them are doing volunteer relief work besides. Both facts are significant this particular year when even experi-

enced workers find positions of any kind hard to get, and to keep, and when relief and welfare organizations everywhere are asking for special training, efficiency, and high intelligence in their workers.

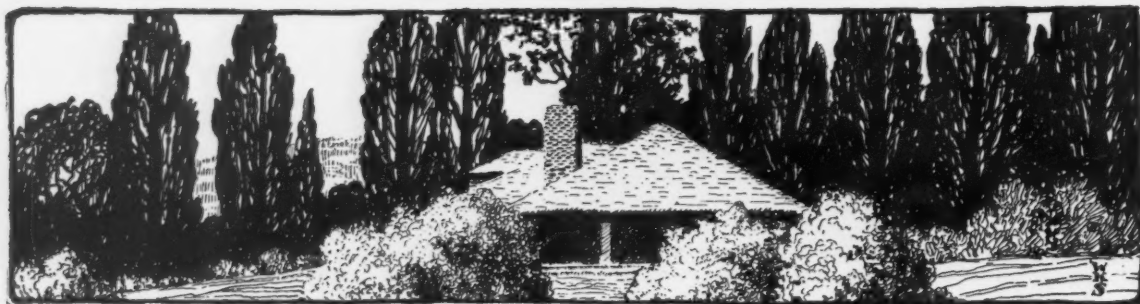
The field in which the largest number of our 1932 graduates are working is teaching. The next largest number of last year's alumnae are hospital dietitians. Others are in institutional management work and some in the extension service. One graduate is a laboratory technician and another a tea room hostess. Some are doing graduate work and several have married since graduation and are giving their full time to the profession of home making. Still others who are staying at home seem, according to reports received at the college to be putting their home economics training into constant and profitable use. One



FLORA ROSE

former student writes: "I have been helping at home on the farm since last August, doing such stunts as canning fruit and vegetables, landscaping the yard, sawing wood, caring for livestock, tanning hides and redecorating the furniture, etc." Since the only phases of home economics she failed to mention are clothing and family life, the "etc." probably included remodeling the family clothing, and treating her younger brothers and sisters to scientific methods of child guidance!

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Through Our Wide Windows

Welcome to Our Visitors

IF THE routine of college work on the upper campus seems dull at times, it is most certainly brightened each year by the advent of Farm and Home Week. That is a week of stimulation and activity. We become proud of our College and feel the desire to show it and ourselves, as members of it, to the best advantage. We enjoy acting as hosts to our many rural friends from all parts of the State and feel it our privilege to help in entertaining them.

Farm and Home Week is also a time for getting together. Alumni and friends who have met here meet again, returning for the common purpose of renewing their acquaintance with the Colleges and their staffs and seeing what is new on the campus and in the work of the departments. To all our guests we, the students of the Colleges of Agriculture and Home Economics, extend a hearty welcome. We are anxious to do what we can to help you, and we hope that your visit to the State Colleges this year may be more profitable than ever.

In The Right Direction

MANY of us are beginning to realize how much we have been deprived by not being able to attend more lectures and discussions during Farm and Home Week and what poor hosts we really are to our visitors. For a number of years, compulsory attendance at classes has been allowed during that week, and every year more professors and departments have taken advantage of it, so that now some departments have all their classes and many others have one or more.

The practical value of this week's lectures to the student, as well as to the farmer and his wife, is obvious. The foremost men in their field from all over the state are here—are they worth hearing? Not only that, but most of the professors here spend a great deal of time and thought on their lectures for that particular week, collecting, condensing, and making understandable much valuable material.

When Dean L. H. Bailey founded this institution of Farm and Home Week, it was with the idea that the students should take a part in it too. Perhaps the freedom was abused by some, but why tie us all down with classes when there is a much more practical way now in use in some departments? Professor R. H. Wheeler '12 has often said that Farm and Home Week could not be run without the cooperation of the students.

A petition requesting the abolishment of compulsory attendance of ag and homecon students in every department of the Colleges during that week; the substitution of required attendance at, with notes on, one or more lectures,

preferably in any field chosen by the student; and the empowering of Professor Wheeler to consider legitimate reasons and issue excuses from these requirements to those actively participating in the program was presented to the faculty by the students on the upper campus last December. The faculty answered by instructing Dr. Cornelius Betten to ask the professors and instructors of the various departments to be lenient with those students who are taking an active part in the Farm and Home Week activities in respect to the amount of work they require during that week. The faculty decided that although they were in sympathy with the views of the students presenting the petition for less classroom work they could not see any other way of remedying it because of the other group of students who do not take a part that week.

We appreciate the faculty's interest and feel that they have made a move in the right direction, but we should like to see the plan adopted as proposed in the petition. We hope that the faculty members will note the part taken by the students in assisting in the Farm and Home Week activities and will realize the value to them of attending those lectures which particularly interest them.

For Our Feminine Readers

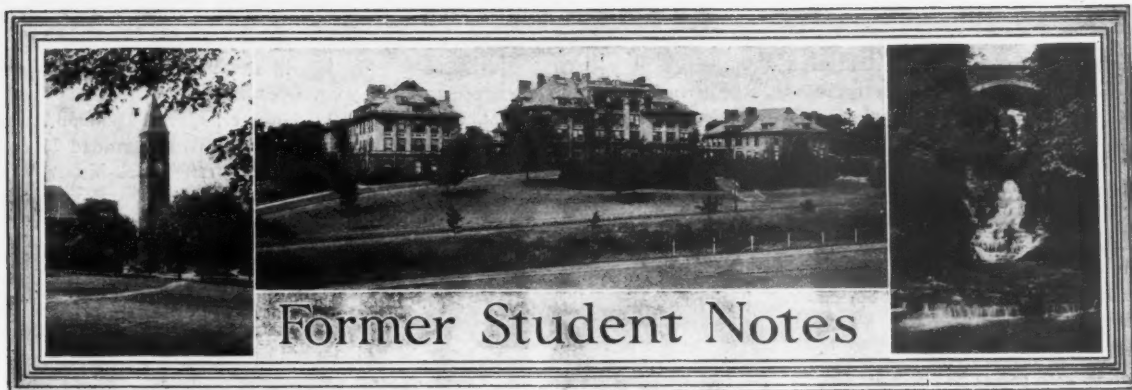
DO YOU know all about the variety of useful bulletins that are made available for you by the Colleges of Agriculture and Home Economics? We'll bet you don't, because it took us some time to wake up to the fact that such a complete and valuable list existed.

During Farm and Home Week the Home Economics College is giving the women, at least, a chance to become acquainted with the leaflets and sheets of information which you have no doubt been wanting, but wondering exactly where they were to be found. This "becoming acquainted" is to be made possible through an exhibition and demonstration to be conducted in the afternoons of that week. It will be listed on the Farm and Home Week program, and we sincerely hope our readers anyhow are going to take advantage of that opportunity.

When we come to think about it, it does seem rather foolish, doesn't it, that we should go on feeding ourselves and our families at a relatively high cost inadequately, perhaps, rather than at a low cost adequately? Here, certainly, is one important point to look for in the college bulletins. And we assure you it can be found, as well as all sorts of other valuable hints about food, clothing, housing, and its many adjoining problems.

We hope you are going to be wise and learn just where in this information is contained, and then avail yourself of it. We think it is a grand opportunity for all of us.

THE CORNELL COUNTRYMAN wishes to do four things: publish interesting alumni notes, furnish campus news, present the latest agricultural information and stimulate boys and girls to seek the aid of their State Colleges in order that they may lead fuller and finer lives.



The Class of '23 Crashes Through!

Ithaca, New York
January 7, 1933

Dear Editor:

While I was visiting Larry Vaughn at Christmas, he remarked upon the effrontery with which the COUNTRYMAN had taken to task a class which for some time outranked all competitors both in numbers and in vivacity. Together we decided that we should meet the challenge. Since then, he has gone to Washington to undertake important extension work for the federal government; so the task seems to be mine. Necessarily, a more limited field will be included than would have been the case in a joint report. The following covers those men with whom I have had occasional contact in the past few years, either in person or through correspondence, or whose records have happened to reach me in one way or another. The information is not guaranteed to be free from error, particularly the statistics relating to size of families.

Dr. Lawrence M. Vaughn is absent on leave from the department of farm management to do extension work. He is in Washington at present, but expects to spend the winter at work in the Rocky Mountain States. He is still unmarried, and therefore happy.

Harvey S. Weaver, as a member of Weaver Brothers partnership, is farming in the Inlet Valley, just beyond Buttermilk Falls. Major emphasis is placed upon poultry, purebred Guernsey cattle, alfalfa, and cash crops in the form of vegetables for the Ithaca market. He married Mary Nichols '24 and has two daughters. Address: Ithaca, New York, R. F. D.

William L. Norman is engaged in selling life insurance for New York Life, with offices at 60 East 42nd Street, New York City. He married Dorothy Weaver '25, and they are living at 11 Northern Boulevard, Great Neck, Long Island, New York.

Dr. William Guy Meal is marketing specialist with the New Jersey Agri-

cultural Experiment Station, New Brunswick, New Jersey. He is married and has 7 children.

Stanley E. Munro has been engaged in farming at Weedsport, New York, since his graduation. He recently moved to Ithaca to operate Professor G. P. Scoville's poultry enterprise. He was married in 1929 and has one son, Robert George.

Hoyt S. Ackles was married in 1929 and is farming in partnership with his brother at Marietta, New York. They have a herd of Guernsey cattle, poultry, and grow cash crops.

Horace C. Bird is farming at Medina, New York. He married Aurelia Vaughn '23 and has two sons, Robert and Leslie, and a daughter, Emily Ann.

Herman P. Everts is a florist at Cazenovia, New York. He married Beryl Emery of the class of '26 and has one son, Paul, now six years old.

Homer L. Hurlbut is married and lives at Interlaken, New York.

Henry E. Luhrs is operating a paper novelties business. He is married and has a daughter, Sandra, and a son, Henry Lincoln. Address: 25 South Penn Street, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania.

Henry T. Blewer is farming at Newark Valley, New York. He is married and has two children.

Dr. Alexander Zeissig is assistant professor of Bacteriology at the New York State Veterinary College at Cornell, where he received the degree, D. V. M., in 1926. He later spent a year in study at Heidelberg, Germany, as National Research Council Fellow. He is still unmarried.

K. E. Paine is married and farming at Churchville, New York.

Roger W. DeBaum is a bachelor and holds the position of editor of publications with the New Jersey Agricultural College, Experiment Station, and Extension Service, at New Brunswick, New Jersey. His home address is Denville, New Jersey, Box 403.

F. Eugene Boshart is farming at Lowville, New York. He was married in 1930 and has a daughter and a son Robert Richards.

Stephen T. Stanton is married and teaches agriculture at Mexico, New York.

Albert S. Muller did graduate work in the department of botany at Cornell, then went to teach in the College of Agriculture at Mayaguez, Porto Rico. For several years he has been teaching and doing research in plant pathology at Escuela Superior de Agricultura, Viscosa, Minas Geraes, Brazil.

Cary T. Hartman has been a salesman with Purina Milling Company since his graduation. He is married and has one child. Address: Glenshaw Avenue, Glenshaw, Pennsylvania.

Francis M. Malcolm is superintendent of schools at Bellows Falls, Vermont.

F. Huston Smith is married and is a county agent in the wheat country of the extreme northeastern corner of Montana. Address: Scobey, Montana.

Alfred P. Jahn is with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in New York City.

Philip C. Wakeley was, in January of last year, busy at the headquarters of the United States Forest Service in New Orleans, Louisiana. He married Alice Carlson '23.

George B. Bronson is married and is employed in a store at Easthampton, Massachusetts. Address: 7 Chapman Avenue.

James F. Larrabee may be reached at 12 Edwards Street, Binghamton, New York.

Dr. Adriance Foster, after doing graduate work in the department of Botany, received the PhD degree at Harvard, and later studied in England. He is now a member of the faculty of the University of Oklahoma.

Bennett O. Hughes went to California immediately after his graduation to work for the United States Forest Service. He has been with the Forest

service continuously since that time, with headquarters in the Ferry Building at San Francisco, whence he makes frequent trips to the national forests throughout the state. He has charge of the evaluation of timber sold from these forests by the government. He received the master's degree from the University of California. The writer visited him several times during the past three years, last seeing him about a year ago in his home at 1498 Posen Avenue, Berkeley, California. He was married in 1930 and has one son.

A Cornellian who has more recently joined the Forest Service in California is John S. Curry, '24. Bringing his wife and five boys to Berkeley in 1931, he established a home overlooking San Francisco Bay and the Golden Gate. He can be reached at the Department of Forestry, University of California, Berkeley, California.

Also, E. Louis Proebsting, after receiving the Ph. D. degree from Cornell in 1924, married and became a professor of horticulture at the College of Agriculture, Davis, California, a position that he still holds.

Malcolm E. Smith has for several years been an inspector of fruits and vegetables for the United States Department of Agriculture, with headquarters at 408 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts. Repeated entertainment at his new home, 57 Hawthorne Avenue, Auburndale, Massachusetts, and attendance at the Cornell-Syracuse-Harvard crew race last spring in his company left no room for doubt that he is to be numbered as an ardent Cornell enthusiast, vitally interested in all the affairs of his Alma Mater. Any Cornellian within reach of his home or office will find a hearty welcome. He is married and has one daughter, Margaret, seven years old.

As to the writer's own activities in the past ten years, they have included six years of farming at Champlain, New York, a year completing work for the master's degree at the University of Tennessee, a year as research assistant with the Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics at the University of California, and a year as Social Science Research fellow, the first semester being spent in California and the second at Harvard. He is at present engaged in the further pursuit of knowledge at Ithaca, New York.

Inasmuch as Larry Vaughn and I have never been particularly interested in feminine biographies, we decided that our data were wholly inadequate, and that therefore we should leave all records of that portion of our class for compilation by its own members.

Respectfully yours,

BRODER F. LUCAS.

'09

Sherman P. Hollister, professor of horticulture at the Connecticut Agricultural College, is now on sabbatic leave, and is studying at the Michigan State College. His address is 398 Park Lane, East Lansing.

'15

Floyd W. DeGolyer is in the lumber business. His address is R. D. 1, Gloversville, N. Y.

'18

Helen F. Saunders, '18, sister of Donald B. Saunders, '30, and Royal B. Woodleton, '18, were married on August 23 at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Oliver H. Saunders. Woodleton holds a commission in the Air Reserve Corps, having served as a flier during the war after training at the Cornell Ground School. He is teaching aeronautics at the Newtown High School in Queens, N. Y. Mrs. Woodleton teaches biology in the Girls' Commercial High School in Brooklyn. They are living at 454 Seventh Street, Brooklyn.

'20

H. A. Stevenson, former editor of the COUNTRYMAN, who was until recently with MacMillan Company, in charge of agricultural books, is now working on the development of an agricultural gardening library with various publishers. The project will assume the proportions of a book of the month club on outdoor books.

'21

A son, Gordon Ward, was born on September 17 to Mr. and Mrs. Ward Evans. They live at Forestville, N. Y. They have a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, aged two.

'23

Arthur C. Mattison was transferred on August 5 from the experimental laboratories of the Linde Air Products Company at Buffalo to the company's new liquid oxygen plant at East Chicago, Indiana. His address is 6219 Forest Avenue, Hammond, Indiana.

Miss Dorothy L. Powell received her M. A. degree from Columbia last June. She is junior extension agent in Nassau County, New York, and is living at 22 Mead Street, Hempstead.

'24

Chester A. Arnold is an instructor in botany and curator of fossil plants at the University of Michigan.

Mrs. John Weeks Carroll has announced the marriage of her daughter, Madeline A. Carroll, '24, to Leroy Taylor Brown, on August 6, at White Plains, New York. Mr. Brown was graduated from Dartmouth in '23 and from the Colorado School of Mines in '26. He is a mining engineer with the American Metals Company at Miroso de Matabambre, Cuba, where he and his

wife will live after the first of the year.

A daughter, Joan Dunham, was born on June 25 to Raymond L. and Mrs. Taylor (Francena R. Meyer, '25). They have a son, Alan Barclay, who is five. Taylor is assistant professor of biology at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Clarence E. Kobuski's address is now Apartment 5, 116 Warren Street, Brighton, Massachusetts. He is assistant curator of the Herbarium of the Arnold Arboretum at Harvard.

'26

James E. Frazer is teaching mathematics and science in the Rye, New York, High School. He is now living at 456 Orchard Avenue. His son, James Evans, is now one year old.

Albert Lang, who is second lieutenant of field artillery, United States Army, has been assigned to duty with the Sixteenth Field Artillery at Fort Myer, Virginia. He had been stationed at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont.

Norma Mac Gregor is teaching home economics. Her address is 5 Bruce Street, Scotia, New York.

Frank B. McKenzie is a recording engineer with the Fox-case Movie-tone Company at 2235 Manning Avenue, Los Angeles.

'27

Mary M. Leaming is with the New Jersey Extension Service. Her address is 1981 Pennington Road, Trenton.

Ellen L. Mills is teaching household arts in the Junior High School at East Orange, New Jersey. Her address is 85 Halsted Street.

Zenia M. Powell is with the Clara Tree Major Company, producers of children's plays. She lives at 22 Mead Street, Hempstead, New York.

Willoughby H. Walling is in charge of the Tioga Pass Ranger Station at the Yosemite National Park.

Burnett F. Wright is raising ducks in Webster, New York.

'28

Edgar O. Cheney, formerly with the Manufacturers' Trust Company of New York, is now cashier of the Bank of Eden, New York.

Seward Salisbury, who was taking graduate work here this summer, is now teaching at Leydon, New York.

Brandon Watson has taken over the management of the Gold Rush, in which he has made the dining-room into an old California gold mining village, with sixty booths, dancing noon and night, and a '49 atmosphere. His address is Sacramento Hotel, Sacramento, California. Joyce B. Porter, A. B. '30, is associated with him in the venture, having charge of serv-

ice and routine. He is secretary of the Cornell Clubs of Northern California.

'29

Frank K. Beyer is a junior forester on a forest survey being conducted by the Southern Forest Experiment Station. His address is Room 600, 348 Baronne Street, New Orleans. Also at the Station are Philip O. Wakeley, '23, Carl F. A. Olsen, '29, and James W. Cruikshank, '30.

Nelson Mansfield is the proud father of a baby boy, David Nelson.

Mrs. Emma Rowse of Monongehela, Pennsylvania, has announced the marriage of her daughter, Lois Jean, to Albert J. Rissman, '29. Rissman is a junior forester with the biological survey in Washington.

'30

Marion Bronson, who before her marriage was Marion Foss, is living in East Aurora, New York. She has one child.

Stella Hadlock, formerly Stella Smith, is teaching home economics in Bainbridge, New York.

J. Arthur Hill has recently purchased a 120 acre farm at Adams Basin, New York.

Mildred Homan, of Riverhead, Long Island, is teaching home economics and biology at Crown Point,

New York. During the past summer she was nature counselor at Gray Beech Camp, Nassau Girl Scout camp near Wading River, Long Island.

Eleanor Schmidt, whose home is in Buffalo, is doing social service work there.

Fannie Sly is doing social service work in Buffalo. She is living at home, in East Aurora, New York.

'31

G. J. Dinsmore has entered the graduate school this year.

Mabel Rollins is taking graduate work in the College of Home Economics. She is a member of Sigma Kappa sorority, and was also a member of the Women's Rifle Team.

'32

Martha Armstrong of Poughkeepsie is spending the winter with her aunt in Florida.

Frances Arnold is in Ithaca, taking graduate work in the College of Home Economics.

Alice Avery is teaching home economics at Sherman, New York. She lives at the Tavern Hotel.

Jorn A. Bullock has been appointed manager of Pfeiffer's, Inc., of Buffalo. His address is 111 Irving Place.

Clara Clarke is teaching home economics in the Celeron High School, Celeron, New York. She is also act-

ing as school nurse. Her home is near Jamestown, New York. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Ellen A. Dunham is a research dietitian with the General Foods Corporation at 250 Park Avenue, New York. She lives at 19 Bowers Road, Caldwell, New Jersey.

Dorothy English is a student dietitian in a Y. W. C. A. cafeteria in Syracuse, New York. Her home is in Greene, New York.

Natalie Fairbanks married John P. Wood, instructor in electrical engineering, during the summer. She is taking courses in the College of Home Economics.

Marie Froelich is taking graduate work in the College of Agriculture. She is living at the Pi Beta Phi house, 114 Kelvin Place.

Annette Hagedorn has a scholarship at New York University School of Retailing. Her home is at 3755 Ninety-eighth Street, Corona, New York.

Bernice M. Hopkins is a student dietitian at the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C.

Dorothy Hopper, who was head waitress in Sage College during her junior year, was married during the summer. She is living in Ithaca, and at present is employed in Rothchild's Department Store.

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Alice Jones of Henderson, New York, is an assistant dietitian in a hospital in New York City.

H. H. Lyman is working for G. L. F. at Knowlesville, New York.

Joseph D. McNiff is working in a beanery at Phelps, New York.

Helen Maly is teaching home economics at the Union Academy in Belleville, New York.

Marjorie Mundy is teaching home economics in Elmira Heights, New York.

Frank T. Vaughn is teaching agriculture at the Unadilla High School, Unadilla, New York.

Margaret Whalen is teaching home economics in Henderson, New York.

Grace Williams, Hotel, is running a coffee shop in Albany, New York. As yet we have not learned the name of the shop, but we will let you know as soon as we do, so you can patronize her place of business. Grace was engaged in many activities during her four years of college life. During her senior year she was President of the Women's Athletic Association.

'33

Robert Holland now has a position as bacteriologist with the Inlet Valley Acidophilus Corporation. He is living with Mrs. Holland and their son, Robert 3rd, at Marion Manor.

'34

Josephine Muller of Beach Haven, New Jersey, will spend the winter in Miami, Florida.

THE YEAR'S DEVELOPMENT AT THE COLLEGE OF HOME ECONOMICS

(Continued from page 39)

At present there are 439 students in home economics classes and 182 in classes in hotel administration, making a total of 621 students at the college. For every one of the 137 home economics freshmen admitted in 1932, two applicants had to be turned away because of the limitations of room, teaching personnel and resources to support the college.

THIS year, various changes have been made in the personnel and the organization of the college. The board of trustees of Cornell University appointed Carl E. Ladd as Dean of the Colleges of Agriculture and Home Economics; Flora Rose as Director of the College of Home Economics, with Mary F. Henry as Assistant to the Director and Professor of Home Economics; and Mrs. Ruby Green Smith as State Leader of Home Demonstration Agents. Katherine Harris was promoted from assistant professor to professor of home economics and manager of the cafeteria.

Mrs. Charlotte Hopkins Merrell resigned as instructor in home economics and assistant of the cafeteria, and Alice M. Burgoin, formerly in charge of institution courses and management of the cafeteria at Menomonie, Wisconsin, was appointed to fill her place. Hazel M. Hauck came here from the University of Wisconsin where she had been research assistant in agricultural chemistry and where she had received her Ph. D. under Dr. Harry Steenbock of that university's Department of Agricultural Chemistry to be acting assistant professor in foods and nutrition. Charlotte W. Brennan, formerly supervisor of occupational therapy in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island hospitals, is extension instructor in household arts in place of Marie S. Welch who resigned last spring. Lorna Barber, previously extension specialist in child development and nutrition at Washington State University, was appointed acting extension assistant professor in foods and nutrition. Dr. Lucille J. Williamson, formerly assistant professor at the University of California, has joined the staff as acting extension assistant professor in home economics; and another University of California woman, a 1932 graduate from that university, Grace Sledge, is a research assistant here this year. Three

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members of the staff several years ago were reappointed: Frances Libbee as extension instructor in household arts, Mrs. Dorothy Fessenden Sayles as instructor for the first term in hotel administration, and Mrs. Lois Farmer Meek as instructor in hotel administration the second term. Mrs. Delight McAlphine Maughan, a '31 graduate of this college, is assistant in home economics for the second term; and Fredia F. Jones, who was instructor in home economics and in charge of the Mitchell Street practice house, resigned to be married. Mrs. Martha Eddy, formerly President of the New York State Federation of Home Bureaus, and also formerly an investigator in the Saratoga County Public Welfare Department, was appointed as assistant in home economics.

THE work with students in the college of home economics centers itself around the effort to train the whole student. Although this emphasis of effort is still feeble, nevertheless it is beginning to bear fruit as is shown by changes such as the following: improvements in the orientation of freshmen; increased opportunities for student participation with staff in activities of mutual concern; changes in the system of advising all students and particularly freshmen; the forma-

tion of a freshman faculty holding weekly meetings to consider the problem of improving freshman courses and situations to which they are submitted.

Changes in the organization of the college have meant a focusing of the responsibility for resident teaching, research, and extension service in department heads.

In order to better prepare themselves for their added duties, Beulah Blackmore, head of the department of clothing and textiles, Helen Monsch, head of the department of foods and nutrition; Grace Morin, head of the department of household art, spent much of their time the first term in the extension field working as program specialists.

With the college program so close to the problems of daily living, naturally during the past year every effort has been made to adjust it to the economic emergency. This has meant, among other things, opportunities for students to work directly with actual, present-day problems. In extension, it has meant helping homemakers to marshal every possible resource in order to make the best of what they have. Extension projects such as providing adequate food at low cost, remodeling and renovating family wardrobes, refinishing and reconditioning

of household furnishings, wise buying, efficient management of housework, and recreation at home have met hearty response. The thirty-six appropriations for home bureaus which have been made by thirty-three counties and three cities up to the time this article goes to press, are encouraging facts that the homemakers find their state college and extension service of real and practical value.

In addition to its regular program of resident and extension work, the college at this time is making its resources of scientific knowledge and trained personnel available wherever it can give assistance. To this end, its students and staff members are cooperating with numerous welfare agencies in their family relief work, and bulletins and other publications especially designed to help solve problems of nutrition and wise buying have been and are being prepared.

With a world upside down, no one can predict future needs; neither, therefore, can the college predict future activities. However, this depression has made clearer than ever the importance to every day living of the field of education which home economics represents. Home economics is just at the beginning of its own inner growth. Its big development lies ahead. Its foundation is well laid.

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This is due in large part to the women who placed the stones of endeavor and patience and understanding beneath it and who cemented them with far-reaching vision. The following resolution made by the faculty of the New York State College of Home Economics on her death, express the sentiment of those co-workers and friends who were privileged to know Martha Van Rensselaer best.

MARTHA VAN RENSSELAER

The deep sense of loss felt by the Faculty of the College of Home Economics in the death of Professor Martha Van Rensselaer is mingled with pride in her achievements.

During thirty-two years of zealous association with Cornell, she introduced home economics and guided its development from modest beginnings to its academic recognition as the New York State College of Home Economics. Called to Cornell in 1900, she began by writing leaflets and by organizing study clubs for women on the farms of the state. Coveting for every woman broader vision, brighter hopes, richer intellectual life, more gracious living, she carried to places remote from the University her inspiring teaching. With unerring vision she realized that human betterment centers in the home. She championed the home and sought to

bring beauty and learning into the daily lives of women. Her ardor in this pioneer work aroused a deep response and laid foundations that under her continued leadership culminated in the State Extension Service in Home Economics.

Teacher, executive, pioneer, leader, Martha Van Rensselaer served the University and a multitude of other educational groups. She was an outstanding leader in the field of home economics, not only in New York State but in the Nation and in other lands. In recognition of this leadership, she was called during the war to take charge of the Division of Home Conservation in the United States Food Administration. She aided Belgium during war's aftermath. She responded to every call for guidance on problems of country life. Her death came while she was giving her last full measure of effort to recording the findings of the White House Conference on Child Health and Protection and the President's Conference on Home Building and Home Ownership. In these conferences she played leading roles, presiding with grace and gallantry. This work for the well-being of children and the enrichment of the lives of women was the crowning achievement of a life of public service to imperishable causes.

Chief among the qualities of this great person were her genuine-

ness and her simplicity. A courageous and invincible spirit was back of her sustained effort toward large ends. By opposition she was undaunted; by difficulties, stimulated. Clear-sighted and far-sighted, she dealt with essentials. She was impatient of indirection. Her integrity was absolute.

As she saw the essential values in situations, so she saw the essential worth in people of all walks of life—the significance of the contribution each could make. To us who worked with her, her confidence and full support were a challenge to height of effort. Nor was the day ever too full for the things of lesser concern—a personal problem needing wise counsel, a point of interest to be shared, an incident to be recounted. Her human and generous understanding never failed. Other memories remain: her vigor of mind, her ever-growing interests, her instant and fitting humor, her enjoyment of the outdoors, her rich voice, her rare friendship with Flora Rose, and the genial hospitality of the home which they created.

The sense of her pervading spirit cannot die.

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ROUND-UP CLUB PLANS FARMERS' WEEK FEATURES

Coed Milking Contest

The Round-Up Club held its regular monthly meeting in the an hus building Thursday evening, January 5th. This was the best attended meeting of the school year and showed the enthusiasm which the ag students have for this type of extra curricular activity. Viola Henry '35 and William Moore '33 both spoke to the group.

Miss Henry, the national champion short time milk-maid, won her title two years ago and since that time no contest has been held. Her experiences as related were very interesting, and the conditions under which she won very peculiar. For this particular contest she chose from the cows offered one giving thirty pounds of milk and reasonably easy to milk. The contest was for the greatest weight of milk milked in three minutes. Miss Henry's cow would give no more milk at the end of two minutes, yet during that time, much to her surprise, she had milked eight ounces more than any other girl. Miss Henry also spoke of some of the many amusing incidents in dealing with photographers, reporters, and fan mail, especially that from eligible bachelors. Miss Henry will have charge of the contemplated coed milking contest sponsored by the Club during Farm and Home Week and desires to get in touch with all girls who are interested and eligible.

Livestock Shows

Bill Moore told of his impressions of the International Livestock show, explaining some of the contests and individuals. He also reported where many of the prizes went. Some of the evening features, such as the 4H Club parade, horse show, and sheep dog demonstrations were very interesting as he described them.

John Cunkleman of Penn State '32, now swine herdsman for the college herd, described the Penn State Little International and explained some of the details of putting it on.

A. George Allen '34 was elected chairman of this year's livestock show to be held Thursday afternoon, February 16. This will be followed in the evening by the Round-up Meeting. The club will put on a cafeteria in the an hus building during Farm and Home Week under the direction of George Pringle '33. Animals for the livestock show were drawn and the different classes arranged. From the number entering this contest, the competition for the prizes will be very keen.

Student Judging Contest

Bert Cook '33 has charge of the livestock judging contest to be held for the first time Monday afternoon, February 13. This contest will be open to all undergraduates in the College

of Agriculture. There will be classes of sheep, swine, horses, and beef cattle to be judged. Twenty minutes will be allowed for the judging of each class with a two minute period for giving reasons. Suitably engraved gold metals will be awarded to the Grand Champion judge and to the Champion Livestock judge, with ribbons for others.

ALUMNI BANQUET PROGRAM WILLARD STRAIGHT HALL

The following program has been arranged for the banquet of former students and staff members of the Colleges of Agriculture and Home Economics in Memorial Hall, Willard Straight, on Wednesday evening, February 15.

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Pickles Olives
Roast Beef Tenderloin with Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Little Whole Green String Beans
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Ice Cream Cake
Coffee

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Professor Bristow Adams
New Developments at the College of
Agriculture— Dean C. E. Ladd
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THE COUNTRYMAN MOVES

As this issue goes to press, the CORNELL COUNTRYMAN is moving its office equipment from the COUNTRYMAN Building to Fernow Hall, room 308. With a feeling of sadness at leaving our old friend, where many an issue has been groomed for the press, we say farewell and step aside for the University Broadcasting Studio to take our place. The studio, which has been in Sibley Hall until the present, will occupy the whole building. It will contain two broadcasting rooms separated by a control chamber. Where once the click of a busy typewriter made an undertone for editorial thought, silence will reign supreme as sound is sent forth into the ether.

Professor C. A. Taylor, of the extension department, who has charge of the radio station, expects to have the new studio ready for use Farm and Home Week.

KERMIS PRODUCTIONS PLANNED FOR FARMERS

Three Prize Plays

Kermis, ag dramatic club, will stage its annual Farm and Home Week production in Bailey Hall. Information concerning the time may be found in the Farm and Home Week bulletin.

The one-act plays to be presented were selected as winners in the recent playwriting contest sponsored by Kermis. *The Old Settlers' Picnic* by S. E. Jennings, deals with real, old-fashioned American farm life. *The Combing Jacket* by Mrs. John Barry, is just like a Ladies' Aid meeting. Mrs. E. D. L. Parker's, *The Sofa* has a German country-folk background.

Kermis productions are given with the aid of the university dramatic club. Following are the casts for the plays:

The Old Settlers' Picnic

Lucy ----- Catherine Bower '36
Henry ----- Ronald Babcock '33
Lizzie ----- Marian Potter '36
Martha ----- Margaret Soper '33
Jim ----- Bert Cook '33
Tom ----- Merrill Knapp '35
Coach ----- J. W. Curvin

The Combing Jacket

Aggie ----- Grace Cottle '36
Jennie ----- Doris Rathbun '35
Amanda ----- LaVerne Sheeley '34
Mrs. Wilton ----- E. V. Phillips '36
Mrs. Charchom ----- Bernice Engst '35
Tillie Hochenberry

----- Marjorie Brown '35
Coach ----- Miss J. E. Robinson

The Sofa

John ----- J. Moore '33
Hilda ----- Elizabeth DuBois '36
Gertrude ----- Margaret Barnard '36
M. Berenson ----- J. J. Black '36
Coach ----- Miss R. A. Gaynor

KERMIS ANNOUNCES CONTEST

Owing to the fact that in last year's playwriting contest over 120 plays were submitted, the third nation-wide contest will be sponsored by the Kermis Club of the New York State Colleges of Agriculture and Home Economics. However, due to financial conditions, there will be but two prizes of which the first is forty dollars (\$40) and the second twenty dollars (\$20.)

The rules of the contest are, in brief, as follows: 1. The play must deal sympathetically with some phase of country life. 2. It shall be in one act and play about 30 minutes. 3. The writer shall sign a fictitious name to the manuscript of the play and shall attach an envelope on the outside bearing the writers real name and address. 4. The contest will close April 15, 1933.

William A. Moore '33, president of the club, who is in charge of this contest, is willing to send full information to any one who requests it.

CORNELL LIVESTOCK MEN ATTEND INTERNATIONAL

The thirty-third annual International Livestock Show, held at Chicago November 26 to December 3, was attended by faculty and students in the animal husbandry department. The following were among those present: Professors F. B. Morrison, M. W. Harper, L. A. Maynard, C. M. McCay, and Messrs. J. P. Willman, H. A. Willman, Walter Thomson, William Moore '33, and Morton Adams '33.

At the American Society of Animal Production a report was made of the results of three years' experimentation on "Anemia in Suckling Pigs." This was the work of professors J. P. Willman, C. M. McCay, and F. B. Morrison. Professor L. A. Maynard presented a treatise on "Statistical Methods as Applied to Livestock Production." Professor R. B. Hinman was unable to attend but his work dealing with "Effect of Alcoholism of Male Rabbits on Their Offspring" was read.

LITTLE KNOWN EXTENSION FACTS

The annual twelve-week short courses began early in November with an enrollment of a hundred and twenty students. The courses offered, in the order of enrollment, are general agriculture, milk plant management, poultry keeping, vegetable-growing, flower-growing, and fruit-growing. The courses are to terminate with Farm and Home Week in February. The short-course, or winter students, have their own activities including lectures, get-togethers, and socials.

At various times throughout the year, special conferences and short courses are arranged when groups of persons with common interests and problems convene at the College for the periods of instruction varying from one day to three months in duration. Charles A. Taylor has general administrative charge of them. The work, during the past year has been the administration of organization,

publicity, and so forth of the following events:

- A school for commercial florists.
- A school for supervisors of dairy herd improvement associations.
- A school for missionaries on fur-lough.
- A school for bee-keepers.
- A short course for Grange lecturers.
- A conference for district representatives of the State Conservation Department.
- A school for forestry tree planters.
- A special course for students from the International Institute, interested primarily in Rural Organization and Rural Education.
- A school for commercial nursery-men.
- A school for operators of incubators and brooders.
- A school for egg inspectors, employed by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.
- A poultry breeding and judging school.
- Several one day gatherings of special groups.

4-H CLUB CHAMPIONS

The grand champion 4-H Club Chester White Barrow at the International this year was owned and shown by Edwin Sweetland of Dryden, N. Y. Edwin's father, E. R. Sweetland, graduated from the New York State college of agriculture in 1899. This grand champion barrow was bred by Cornell University and speaks highly for the work being carried on here. It sold for twenty-five cents a pound at the 4-H auction.

Miss Katherine Shelton of Oneonta, N. Y., received the championship in the junior exhibit for her pen of lambs which included the champion market lamb and one lamb commended for its excellence.

These livestock projects were both carried on under the direction of H. A. Willman, junior extension livestock specialist. This was the first time in the history of the junior exhibits that both championships went to the East.

COMPETITORS CHOSEN FOR SPEAKING CONTESTS

The final elimination for the sixth annual Farm Life Challenge contest scheduled for Monday evening, February 13, of Farm and Home Week resulted in the selection of four students. The four who will compete for the \$125 in prizes offered are: W. P. Hicks '33, J. B. Farrar '33, D. H. Bradt '34, and E. N. Davis '34. A. E. Griffiths '33 was chosen as alternate.

The topic for this year's debate is Resolved: That any deficit in Federal or State budgets be balanced by a comprehensive sales tax. Bradt and Davis will support the resolution. Each speech will be delivered and judged on an individual basis.

Of the thirty-six students who entered the annual Eastman Stage contest, six have been chosen to speak on Thursday evening of Farm and Home Week. The speakers and their subjects are as follows:

R. M. Fellows, Special, *The Influence of Machinery on the Farm*; P. H. Alle Special, *Panaceas*; W. Sherman, Special, *Farm Taxes*; B. L. Cook '33, *Shall We Hang Separately?*; L. H. Ashwood '33, *Are We Jellyfish?*; and W. P. Hicks '33, *Tariff and the Farmer*.

FARM MANAGEMENT NEWS

A meeting of the American Farm Economics Association was held at Cincinnati, December 28-29-30. Twenty-five professors and graduate students from Cornell attended. The powerful influence that the department of ag economics here exerts in national circles was evidenced by the fact that twenty-eight of those taking some part on the program were either past or present Cornell men. Following is a list of those members of the present staff here who participated: Dr. C. E. Ladd '12, Professors, V. B. Hart '16, W. I. Myers '14, M. C. Bond, M. S. Kendrick, Leland Spencer '18, L. M. Vaughn '23.

Dr. G. F. Warren '03 addressed the meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation held in Chicago, December 6th. The title of his talk was "Stabilization of the Measure of Value," and it dealt in some detail with the present economic situation, its causes, and the relative merits of "Deflation or Reflation" as means of extracting ourselves.

Professor W. I. Myers '14 attended the conference of general farm organizations during the week of December 11th. This conference was held in Washington for the purpose of determining certain agricultural policies which could be recommended to Congress. For the first time possible in the history of agriculture in the United States there was real cooperation among the many representatives, and they agreed unanimously on policies relating to credit, monetary stabilization, etc.

L. C. Cunningham is now a full time member of the extension staff in the department of agricultural economics. He has been given this position temporarily in the place of L. M. Vaughn '23, who is recovering from an attack of typhoid fever.



EDWIN SWEETLAND AND HIS GRAND CHAMPION

AG WINS SOCCER

The College of Agriculture soccer team won the inter-college championship by defeating the Veterinary College team, the winners of League II. The Aggies, playing their best game of the season, downed the Vets by a score of 3-0.

The Ag boys gained the lead in League I by defeating or winning by default from Hotel, Law, Architecture, Civil Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering.

The members of the team were C. M. "Chuck" Bodger '33, W. P. "Bill" Hicks '33, R. E. "Dick" Keith '33, M. M. "Mark" Mason '33, Irving Menoff '33, C. B. "Chuck" O'Neill '33; George Pringle '33, H. E. "Herb" Wright '33, H. H. "Herb" Baum '34, F. W. "Butch" Hill '34, R. B. "Rus" Hill '34, J. R. "Jerry" Hurd '34, E. C. "Ev" Lattimer '34, and J. D. "Johnny" Merchant '35.

4-H CLUB GIVES PARTY

The University 4-H Club held a business meeting and social get-together in Barnes Hall recreation room, Wednesday evening, December 14.

After the regular meeting, a Christmas party was held, which was well attended. The entertainment was led by Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Polson and Willis Kerns of the department of rural and social organization, assisted at the piano by Helen Cotter '33. The program consisted of songs, square dances and group games. Additional entertainment was provided in the form of musical selection by R. J. Rozelle '34, and H. L. Noakes '34.

CAMPUS CHATS**RENOVATION**

For several years the front of Roberts Hall has been graced with an oval shaped plot of ground planted with many shrubs. At intervals around the edge of this piece of beautification were also planted concrete pillars. Recently workmen were seen to destroy and remove these pillars. It is a safe bet that not more than a few members of both the student body and the faculty noticed this, but we see it as a decided improvement on the landscape. The cement was old and weatherbeaten. It showed signs of decay. Now there is no border to the plot except the cement curbing, making all the more noticeable the shrubbery planted within.

A WARM TRIP

Whoever heard of a floriculture lab in the heating plant at Cornell University? Members of the Floriculture I class enjoyed this unique experience not long ago. Instead of the regular lab in the greenhouse they were asked to meet at the heating plant and were conducted through it by Mr. Allen and Professor White, who explained in detail the operation of the plant. Since there must be a reason for everything, there is for this, too. In order to properly understand how a greenhouse is heated, Professor White desired that his class should view the situation from the ground up. Hence the extraordinary diversion.

FACULTY ANSWER PETITION

The Faculty, in response to the petition submitted to them by the students in the Colleges of Agriculture and Home Economics, instructed Dr. Cornelius Betten to ask the professors and instructors of the various departments to be lenient with those students who are taking an active part in the Farm and Home Week activities, in respect to the amount of work they assign during that week.

The faculty came to the conclusion that although they were in sympathy with the views of the students presenting the petition for less classroom work, they could not see any way of remedying it because of the other group of students who do not take a part that week.

OFFICERS' CLUB ELECTS**AG MEN CLASS OF '34**

The following men of the class of '34 of the College of Agriculture have recently been elected to the Cornell University Officers Club:

H. H. Baum
J. W. Duffield
R. H. Everitt
A. H. Goldburg, Hotel
J. W. Hollowill
E. R. Keil
P. M. Kihlimer
J. A. Lowe
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FARM, HOME WEEK WILL INTEREST HOMEMAKERS

The homemaking program for the twenty-sixth annual Farm and Home Week, February 13 to 18, will contain many things of interest to the women visitors. The interesting feature of the opening days will be food demonstrations given by Miss Lucile Brewer, formerly a food specialist of the college extension staff, and now in charge of one of the research laboratories of the General Foods Corporation on Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

The important speaker of the second day will be Dr. Flora Rose director of the college of Home Economics. Her topic will be Women's Special Contribution to Education.

Miss Lillian Shaben, food specialist of the college extension staff will give a foods demonstration on Wednesday afternoon. This will be repeated on Friday afternoon.

In addition to these special features there will be conferences on the Nutrition of the Pre-school Child, on overcoming worry, on high feeding standards on a low cost budget, on weight control, on guiding young children, on planning the little child's day, individual kitchen conferences, on adolescent children, and on family feeding problems.

The department of Textiles and Clothing will have several clothes clinics during the week. Such problems as equipment used in the care of clothing, removal of stains from clothing, and essentials of good grooming will be taken up in these clinics. The subject of clothes economy will be covered in a series of lectures which include making wardrobe plans, selecting foundation garments, which dress to buy, and completing the ensemble.

Other parts of the program will emphasize family money problems in relation to the present economic situation, soap secrets, saving while you spend for food, household textiles—including rest that restores tired bodies and Red Cross material, pressing clothes both old and new, besides many other lectures and discussions which will be of special interest this year on account of the economic situation of the entire nation.

HOMEMAKING PROGRAM HAS TWO MAJOR AIMS

The homemakers' program for this year's Farm and Home Week at the state colleges at Cornell University, February 13 to 18, shows two major aims: (1) To help women understand the causes underlying the present economic situation both in order to meet better the problems resulting from such a calamity and to prevent its recurrence; and (2) To offer suggestions on fighting it.

MRS. ROOSEVELT TO SPEAK

One of the outstanding features of this year's Farm and Home Week homemakers' program will be a speech given by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the president-elect of the United States, in Bailey Auditorium on Women's Educational Organization Day, Thursday, February 16 at 2:00 P. M. The topic of her speech will be The Widening Interest of the Family.

It will be remembered that Mrs. Roosevelt has been a popular speaker at the college of home economics during other Farm and Home Weeks. Last year she spoke on Women's Civic Responsibility.

THE HOMEMAKING EXHIBIT

One of the most important exhibits in connection with the homemaking program for Farm and Home Week this year is a display of marketable craft articles of excellent standard in the Home Economics building. This will prove attractive to many women because the marketing of home products has become an important problem during these years of hard times.

The department of Foods and Nutrition will show exhibits featuring wise buying, emergency relief meals, diet for weight control, and savory single dish meals at various times during the week.

Staff members and students from the department of Textiles and Clothing will exhibit and demonstrate made-over garments for women and children in the Costume shop daily. In addition there will be a daily exhibit and demonstration of toweling and bed equipment in the same place. An exhibit of clothing for the preschool child will be shown in the Nursery School daily.

The Household Arts department will exhibit reconditioning of furniture, slip covers, and beauty gained through the use of inexpensive materials which always solve many furnishing problems.

Exhibits of homemade toys, books and toys costing less than a quarter, books for the pre-school child, and caring for the convalescent child will be the contribution of the department of Family Life.

Also, the department of Economics of the Household and Household Management will show the safe use of soap in the home and exhibit books and bulletins helpful in the management of personal and family finances.

MISS MORIN ON VACATION

Professor Grace Morin sailed for Bermuda, December 30 for a much needed short rest and some southern sunshine. Upon her return she will resume work on the furnishing and equipping plans for the new building.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FARM AND HOME WEEK

Tea will be served to Farm and Home Week guests Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons, February 14-17, from 4:00 P. M. to 6:00 P. M. in the Home Economics Lodge.

The State Federation of Home Burcaus' party is in Willard Straight Hall on Tuesday, February 14 at 7:30 P. M.

Alumni Day Set for Wednesday

Alumni Day is Wednesday, February 15. At noon, a luncheon meeting will be held in the Home Economics Lodge for former students of the State College of Home Economics. The meeting is in charge of the Alumni Association, and the luncheon will be served by student members of Omicron Nu.

The officers of the College of Home Economics Alumnae Association are:

President, Helen Kirkendall Miller '17; Vice-President, Katherine Harris '22; Secretary-Treasurer, Dorothy De Lany '23; Nominating Committee, Ann Phillips Duncan '18; Lois Zimmerman McConnell '20, and Margaret Saxe '30; Scholarship Chairman, Ruth Davis '17.

At 6:15 p. m. an informal reception and supper will be served for all former, regular, and special students and for members of the faculties of the College of Home Economics and Agriculture. Tickets may be obtained at Roberts Hall and at the information table, Home Economics building, before 12:00 o'clock Wednesday.

ART CLASSES TO ASSIST WITH PRACTICE APARTMENTS

Five groups of home furnishing classes are making the plans for decorating the three practice apartments in the new building. Assistant Professor Alma Scidmore and Professor Grace Morin have never given their students a problem which has been more vital nor so near to Domecon girls. All are enthusiastic to contribute something to the alma mater by following this problem from start to finish. They studied the house plans before they began. They have made visits to watch the process of construction and to learn the actual sizes of the rooms. They have made a resume of the needs of the practice house family. With these plans in mind the beginning courses have drawn up a tentative plan for furniture arrangements. A further plan for decoration, including rugs, upholstery, textiles, lighting fixtures and accessories is being made by more advanced students. This experience has given the girls an opportunity to interpret their field of work and at the same time give concrete suggestions to the purchasing committee.

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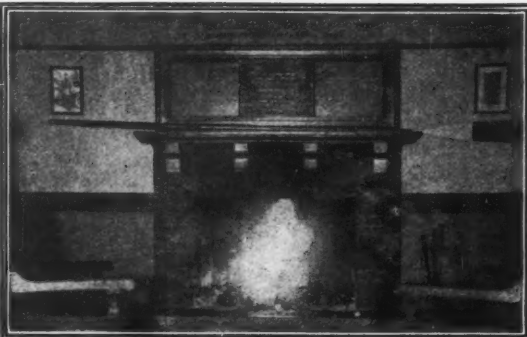
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FORESTERS GATHER FOR ANNUAL SHINDIG

The Cornell Foresters held their annual shindig and "Bunion-Derby" on December 3 and it turned out to be a great success. The affair was run much differently than in preceding years. Participants in the affair were almost all foresters, few outsiders being present. In view of the prevalence of those men whom the depression has hit, the committee in charge decided that an informal party would provide a better type of amusement than the regular Old Armory dances of previous years. The affair was held in Fernow Club room which was dressed up very attractively with small evergreens and pine boughs and a huge "bar" at one end of the room offset the fire-place at the other.

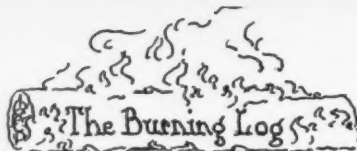
The price of admission varied directly with the square of the distance that the top of the girl's head was above the floor, as Professor Bentley would put it. All girls over six feet and under five feet were admitted free with their escorts. Several foresters, including Andy and Sandy Scotch were reported combing the countryside for local talent that would be either under or over paying size. Andy showed up at the door with a broad grin and a girl four feet four inches tall, but she was recognized as a Syracuse co-ed and was not admitted free on the grounds that she was imported and a "ringer." Stags were charged three times their collar size and lone men were conspicuous by their absence.

Our patron, St. Murph', was not on hand to welcome the guests as he was away on business, but Professor Hosmer gave an account of him that was enlightening to many and interesting to all.

"Montana Max" Dercum gave a rope spinning exhibition that was the hit of the evening. Max sure shakes a mean loop and gave us a real thrill with his demonstrations of The Juggle, the Texas Skip, and the Giant Wedding Ring. With his black whiskers, high-heeled boots, and ten gallon hat he certainly made a big hit with the ladies present.

Never before was there such an exhibition of bartending! "Bob" Everett, "Dutch" Kihlmire, "Pat" Marigliano, and "Sliver" MacAllister took turns on the job and maybe those boys didn't sling the cider and pretzels. It was all O. K. as the cider was sweet.

Music was furnished by some of the best bands in the country through the medium of the amplifying system set up for the occasion. Everyone had a fine time from all reports and it is hoped that such an affair can be held again.



This month, February, marks the tenth anniversary of the death of Dr. Bernhard Edouard Fernow, dean of American forestry. We in the Department of Forestry here at Cornell and alumni feel very close to Doctor Fernow as he was the head of the New York State College of Forestry established here in 1898, the first of its kind to be established in the United States. The building which now houses the Department of Forestry was named in his honor.

4-H CLUBS ESTABLISH TREE PLANTING RECORD

During the year 1932, 1640 boys and girls enrolled in forestry projects in New York State. Of this number, 1279 were first year members planting a total of 1,279,000 trees. In addition to this many other 4-H foresters purchased trees to add to their plantations and this brought the total number of trees planted to well over 1,500,000 for the year 1932. This figure is about 30% over the number of trees planted for 1931 and is more than the total number of trees planted in some states. For 1933 the goal is set for 2,000,000 trees to be planted. An acre of idle land is all that is necessary to start a tree planting project. A boy or girl enrolling in such a project receives, free of charge from the State Conservation Department, 1,000 trees which is enough to plant an acre.

N. Y. SECTION OF S. A. F. CONVENES AT SYRACUSE

On Saturday, February 4, the New York Section of the Society of American Foresters will convene at Syracuse. Professor Ralph S. Hosmer is chairman of the program committee. "Hardwoods" will be the general subject for discussion. Papers on the subject will be presented by Professors Ellwood Wilson and J. N. Spaeth, members of the department faculty.

On Friday, February 3, Professors Hosmer and Recknagel will attend the annual meeting of the New York State Forestry Association, held in Rochester at the Powers Hotel.

Professor R. S. Hosmer will attend a meeting of the Northeastern Forest Research Council in Boston on February 7. The topic for discussion at the meeting will be Forest Fire Research.

DEPARTMENT EXHIBITION FOR FARM AND HOME WEEK

This year the Department of Forestry is planning an especially interesting exhibit for Farm and Home Week. As usual the exhibition will be located in Fernow Hall, in room 118, and will be devoted to the maple sugar industry and products made from maple wood.

The exhibition will show types of trees desired for a sugar bush, conditions of these trees, and suitable spacing for them in the bush. Methods of trees will also be shown with the sap actually running from the trees tapped. The set-up will also have a painted background giving the appearance of a section of woods. Along with the regular exhibition samples of sugar and syrup products and articles made from the wood of the maple tree will also be shown.

Lectures will be given by members of the department during the week tying in with the general theme of the maple syrup and sugar industry. These lectures will include such topics as, "The Sugar Maple, a Crop Tree of New York State, Its Growth and Development," "Measuring and Marketing Maple Logs," "The Protection of the Sugar Bush, including discussion of damages by fire, insects, and grazing," and "Uses of Maple Timber." Other features of the exhibition held during the week will be round-table discussions on the development and care of the sugar bush and problems of maple syrup and sugar manufacture. In addition to the regular staff of the department, Mr. W. J. Griffin, president of the New York State Maple Products Co-operative Association will be present and aid in the discussions.

As it is an extremely interesting exhibition planned for this year, it would be well worth while for any one interested in maple syrup or sugar production to visit the exhibition and attend some if not all of the lectures.

MONTHLY MEETING OF CORNELL FORESTERS

The Cornell Foresters gathered for their regular monthly meeting on January 12, in Fernow Club Room. President L. E. "Lee" Chaiken '33, called the meeting to order. Business of the meeting consisted of reports by the treasurer, athletic director and dance committee. After the business session, the meeting adjourned to Room 120 where Professor Ellwood Wilson gave a talk illustrated with lantern slides on aerial surveying. All present enjoyed the talk and at its conclusion the "army" swarmed upstairs where they consumed quantities of "sinkers" and delicious (?) coffee.

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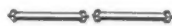
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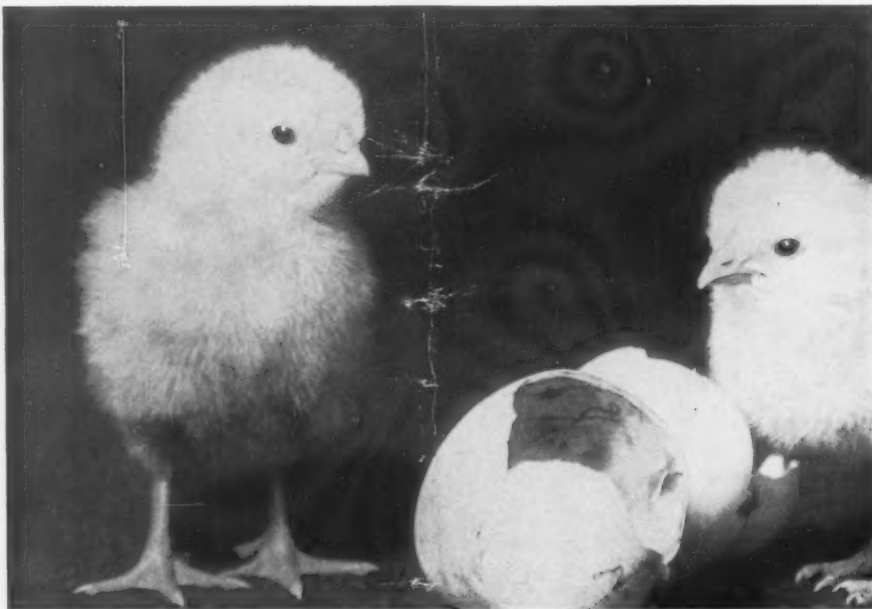
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